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Subject: RAB Meeting Summary

Dear Mr. Shafer:

Enclosed is the summary of the August 20, 1997 RAB meeting.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 508-658-7899.

Very truly yours,

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NETC COMMITTEES DETAIL TASKS TO CARRY OUT COMMITTEE GOALS

On Wednesday, August 20, 1997, the NETC Newport Installation Restoration Program Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met at the NETC Officers' Club.

Four NETC RAB representatives attended a three-day federal facilities cleanup workshop in Amherst, MA. That exposure revealed that the NETC RAB is significantly more healthy than other New England RABs.

The Navy has prepared schedules for the IR sites based on FFA increments, which will be presented to the RAB at the September meeting. The soil removal action at Derecktor Shipyard's South Waterfront should begin in a couple of weeks.

The RAB regrouped into committees to develop tasks to implement the goals identified at the previous RAB meeting.

Membership Committee - Three inactive members Frank Flanagan, Dennis Klodner, and Keith Stokes have resigned. Beth Everett was approved as a new RAB community member.

Public Information Committee - PAO should distribute all fact sheets, which should include the name and telephone number of an NETC contact. Schedule a presentation on the cleanup status of each IR site and invite the public to attend. Compile a list of the area/state environmental groups, with their addresses and telephone numbers. Information on the RAB should be included on the NETC's internet homepage. PAO should update the Community Relations Plan.

Project Committee - The FFA sites schedules that are on the September meeting agenda may be the updated IR sites schedules the committee requested. Request presentations by representatives from the Navy, EPA, Interior, NOAA, RIDEM, CRMC about their responsibilities and authorities in the IR program. Brad will arrange OSHA health and safety training for some time in the winter. September 30 is the tentative date for a bus tour of sites that do not require health and safety training. Coordinate with the Public Information Committee to create one-page synopses for the sites. Fact sheets should be compiled into a booklet for public review and added to the NETC homepage. Brad will integrate site status with "Chutes and Ladders". The committee will continue to play a watchdog role over IR contracts and watch to see that sufficient money is available to implement these tasks.

Planning Committee - The implosion of the Tank Farm 4 tanks (possibly in October) is an occasion to publicize the IR cleanup. URI and GIS data are being used for Island-wide land use planning. The Navy is developing a comprehensive plan. Determine at what point (RI, FS) the RAB can best affect cleanup strategies. Focus RAB discussions on the key questions for each issue. Determine priorities for RAB meeting agendas.

"Big Picture" Committee - Invite staff of federal and state legislators to RAB meetings; ensure they attend at least one meeting a year. Compile a list of organizations accomplish this task. Schedule a series of meetings with the other "Bay " players to ensure that each player uses the same comprehensive Narragansett Bay water quality map for all areas adjacent to NETC. Meet at least once a year at each of the three city/town halls to enhance public turnout at RAB meetings.